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SUBJECT: CSCE: CBMS -- SOVIET NATIONAL MANEUVERS

REF: (A) GENEVA 1848 (B) USNATO 1472 (C) GENEVA 1766

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1. AT MARCH 18 POLADS, FRG REP (CITRON) REPORTED ON HIS ATTENDANCE  
AT GENEVA NATO CBMS CAUCUS DISCUSSIONS LAST WEEK, DURING WHICH HE SAI  
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THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISAPPOINTMENT OVER IMS PERFORMANCE IN  
PROVIDING FIGURES ON SOVIET MILITARY MANEUVERS. CITRON SAID GENEVA  
CBMS CAUCUS DESIRES TECHNICAL ADVICE FROM NATO POLADS AND IMS,  
AND HE HOPED IMS WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON  
SOVIET MANEUVERS. HE ADDED THAT SOVIET DELEGATION HEAD KOVALEV'S  
MARCH 13 STATEMENT IN COORDINATING COMMITTEE (REF C) INDICATED  
POSSIBLE NEW SOVIET FLEXIBILITY ON CBMS AND GENEVA WORK TEMPO ON  
CBMS MAY PICK UP AS A RESULT.

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2. U.S. REP (LEDOGAR) STRONGLY SUPPORTED FRG HOPE FOR  
IMPROVED INPUT ON SOVIET MANEUVERS AND SAID U.S. MISSION WAS  
SEEKING WAYS TO BRING THIS ABOUT. U.S. REP ASKED OTHER  
ALLIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE GATHERING CAPABILITIES

TO SEE IF THEIR AUTHORITIES COULD ALSO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.  
UK REP SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO TRANSMIT A REQUEST FOR  
INFORMATION ON SOVIET MANEUVERS TO HIS AUTHORITIES, BUT HAD  
BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IMS HAD ALREADY APPROACHED  
NATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

3. IMS REP (COL. WOLF) SAID IMS HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION ON  
WARSAW PACT COUNTRY MANEUVERS FROM SHAPE, WHICH HAD INITIALLY  
REPLIED THAT IT WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION ON  
SOVIET MANEUVERS. HE SAID THAT AFTER CONTACTING SHAPE A  
SECOND TIME, HE HAD JUST BEEN TOLD BY SHAPE THAT SOME  
INFORMATION MIGHT PERHAPS BE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THIS  
WEEK.

4. COMMENT: POLADS MARCH 18 DISCUSSION OF INTELLIGENCE ON  
SOVIET NATIONAL MANEUVERS WAS USEFUL IN HIGHLIGHTING  
INADEQUATE IMS PERFORMANCE TO DATE AND POSSIBLY ENLISTING  
INPUTS FROM OTHER ALLIES. MISSION REITERATES ITS VIEW OF  
IMPORTANCE OF DETAILED AND PROMPT U.S. CONTRIBUTION.  
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